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14,000 TONS OF ALFALFA HARVESTED LAST YEAR

The annual inventory of all statistical improvements on the Umatilla project has been completed by the U. S. Reclamation Service in this city, and the compilation shows that the total yield of alfalfa on the project in 1917 was 14,000 tons, and the average price was about \$15 per ton, or a total value of \$210,000.

The statistics were gathered from every acre from which a crop was harvested, both from old and new seedings. The minimum figure taken was 7-10 of a ton from last June seeding, or the first crop off the land. The maximum was seven tons. The average which was reduced because of heavy acreage of new land was 3.75 tons per acre. The average yield including new land seeded in spring and summer of 1917 in dollars was \$56.25 and the maximum yield in dollars was \$105 per acre. The prices quoted are for hay in the stack before chopped or baled. A few men produced seven tons and sold for \$15, or \$128 per acre.

The figures show 315 acres of bearing orchard, from 100 pounds per acre to 12,000 pound per acre. The price received as an average was one and three-quarter cts. per pound. The total value was \$12,000. Most of the orchards produced their first fruit in 1917. The records show 500 acres more of non-bearing trees.

The project now has 850 dairy cows valued at \$50,000, and 1500 hogs valued at \$30,000. The poultry yards, including turkeys and geese, contain 10,000 birds valued at \$7500. The increase of all products over the year of 1916 was large and the year of 1918 will be very much larger in percentage over that of 1917. During the past year over 100 new farms have been started and the alfalfa acreage on the old farms have been steadily increased. The open winter has been a great help to farmers, and every man and team available has been employed for several months preparing land for cultivation.

LAND SALES, TRADES AND IMPROVEMENTS

Henry Hanby bought ten acres a mile southeast of town adjoining the Gent tract this week from Charles H. Skinner. He will improve the same in alfalfa immediately.

Through a three cornered deal this week Dr. E. W. Barnes becomes the owner of the home of John Young and J. T. Hinkle acquires the 13-acre adjoining his home tract on South Hill which Dr. Barnes recently purchased from W. J. Emry. Mr. Young will move soon into his new home opposite the reclamation office building and Dr. Barnes will move into the house occupied now by Mr. Young.

Charles McElroy has purchased the Abbott ten acre tract adjoining his home place near the Minnehaha school house. He will seed the land to alfalfa. This gives Mr. McElroy 80 acres of land, which he is developing.

Quick and McFall have commenced work leveling 40 acres of land known as the Minnehaha Spring Reserve that they bought recently from the Umatilla Farm Lands Company.

A. L. Luce has his house about completed on his 34 acre tract southeast of town two miles that he bought several weeks ago from C. S. McNaught. Edward Johnson, who bought ten acres adjoining Mr. Luce's place, has his new home completed and is seeding his land to alfalfa. He will also seed ten acres of Frank Stone's land nearby to wheat and alfalfa.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Paddock of Seattle have arrived and will make Hermiston their home. They own 46 acres of land near Lake Lane that they purchased from the Umatilla Farm Lands company, 15 acres of which they have had improved. They will now build a home on the land and seed the balance to alfalfa.

Cato Johns, who recently bought 40 acres from Mr. Theriault, a mile and a half north of Hermiston, has now 25 acres leveled and ready for the seeding of alfalfa.

H. A. McKeen has bought 12 acres adjoining his home place on the west, formerly known as the Wood's place.

The regular Red Cross meeting scheduled for the first Thursday in each month was held this week instead of next week in order to transact important business.

CHAMPION DEBATERS OF FOUR COUNTIES

Proud are the faculty, students and patrons of Hermiston's high school over the winning of the championship of the Umatilla district, comprising eight high schools in the counties of Gilliam, Morrow, Wheeler and Umatilla, by the debating squad of the institution.

This championship came to them Friday night of last week, when Emily Shotwell, Gladys West and Durell Murchie went to Milton and debated the negative side with the high school team there on the question, "Resolved that capital and labor should be required to settle their industrial disputes in legally organized courts of arbitration," winning by unanimous vote. The same evening the affirmative side of the question was debated here by Jane Gunn, Martha Winslow and Viola Crandall, who defeated the team sent here from Milton in the dual meet by a vote of two to one.

This signal victory of the Hermiston high debating squad now gives the members an opportunity to meet a team from the central part of the state and also puts them in line for the state championship.

SOCIAL FUNCTIONS HONOR BRIDE TO BE

A number of entertainments were held this and last week in this city in honor of Miss Bessie McPherson, who has resigned her position with the Hermiston Creamery Co. and leaves next Tuesday for her home in Pendleton to prepare for her forthcoming marriage to C. M. Jackson, one of the best known and most progressive ranchers of the Minnehaha district.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Campbell were hosts at a party given for the young lady at their home east of town last Saturday night, and Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons Miss McPherson was again honored by entertainment at the Newell home on the west side, the hostesses being Mrs. H. D. Newell, Mrs. W. Roberts and Mrs. G. Rayhill. Thursday evening she was again honored at a bridge party given by Mrs. Thos. Campbell and T. P. Campbell at the former's south side home.

Miss Barton entertained Misses Klindt, Magruder, Delther, Hummel, Teevan, Ada Prann, Fannie Todd, Ethel Epperson and Ethel Young last evening in honor of Miss McPherson. It was a children's party, in which a chafing dish feed was enjoyed.

Mrs. Watson, Mrs. Hinkle and Miss Barton will be hostesses this afternoon at a social function to be given at the Watson home on Gladys avenue in honor of the lady.

NEEDS MEETING THAT NEEDS ALL PRESENT

The regular meeting of the Hermiston Commercial club will be held Monday evening, February 4. This is the first meeting since the annual election of officers, and it is desired to start the year's work with as much interest in public affairs as possible. To that end this will be designated as a "Needs Meeting." The purpose is to ascertain the needs of the community and arrive at some means, if possible, of satisfying them.

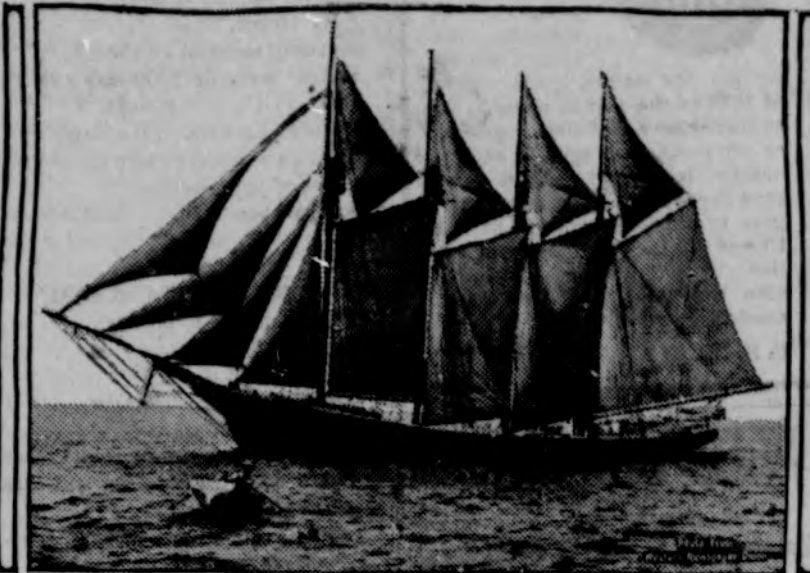
You are expected to come and say what you think ought to be done this year for the good of your part of the district and for the general good. The small things, may be the main things, but big or small, if worthy, the Commercial club will help put them over. Anything that promotes the development and welfare of this irrigated belt will be welcomed as a part of the work of the Commercial club during 1918.

WEATHER REPORT

The weather has been the coldest this week of any time during the winter, the thermometer dropping to one above zero Wednesday night. The maximum was 58 degrees and the rainfall eleven-hundredths of an inch for the week ending Thursday night.

First real snow of the season as yet to press.

MAKING STEAMSHIPS OF SAILING VESSELS



Chairman Hurley of the shipping board heartily approves the suggestion of Thomas A. Edison that as many as possible of America's 5,382 sailing vessels be converted into steamships. The photograph is of a four-master that has been equipped with power.

COLUMBIA NEWS NOTES

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs. W. A. Leathers arrived home Wednesday from Pendleton, where she has been visiting for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Upham and family were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Correl in Hermiston Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Sapper were dinner guests of Mrs. Anna Sapper Tuesday night.

Roscoe Fischer was called for examination at Pendleton Saturday.

Mrs. Phipps was hostess to a dinner party of five Wednesday evening. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Leathers, Prof. Beckman, Jack Gorbam, Miss Laura and the host and hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. Lay and Miss Hudson motored to Pendleton Saturday, returning the same day.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Sommerer motored to Pendleton Wednesday, returning Thursday.

The dance given at the Rogers home Saturday night was a decided success and those present said "awful good eats."

Friday night a public meeting was held at Columbia school to discuss progressive movements for the coming year.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Beddow and son were Saturday and Sunday visitors at Pendleton.

Mrs. Cooley, who has been visiting Miss Jones for the past three weeks, returned to her home in Burns last Saturday.

Mrs. H. M. Sommerer was a delightful hostess to a dinner party last Wednesday night, the occasion of Mr. Sommerer's birth anniversary.

The many friends of Jennie Simmons will be glad to learn that she has again resumed her position as telephone operator.

Frank Waugaman motored to Pendleton last Sunday accompanied by Mrs. Waugaman and Wilma, both of whom are under medical care at St. Anthony's hospital.

The ladies of the Neighborhood club are asked not to forget to attend the meeting today held at the Columbia school house.

Walter Davis is now the proud possessor of a Ford.

An operation was performed Tuesday morning at St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton on the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Waugaman for removal of tonsils and adenoids.

UMATILLA MASONS SHOW HOSPITALITY

There were big doings in Masonic circles in Umatilla Monday evening, that organization putting on the third degree. There were many visitors from nearby towns to witness the conferring of the degree, and all those, together with Eastern Star ladies, were treated royally to an elaborate banquet.

The Hermiston contingent to the affair was large, there being about twenty Masons and Eastern Stars in attendance, nearly all of whom made the trip to the Seaport City of Eastern Oregon in Fred Brunson's big auto bus.

Miss Ellie Johnson leaves Wednesday next to resume her studies at the O. A. C. after passing a pleasant vacation with her parents near this city.

BOARDMAN NEWS

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Woodson of Heppner was a caller in town Sunday.

Rev. Montgomery, member of the presbytery from Portland, was in town Wednesday.

W. A. Murchie came in from Hot Lake the first of the week, where he has been for treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson of Sherman county visited a few days with their son and family, J. R. Johnson.

W. A. Price went to Heppner Sunday to take examination for military service.

Mike Marshall and son Charles went to Heppner Monday.

E. P. Dodd came down from Hermiston Sunday.

Dr. Barnes, of Hermiston, came down Sunday and preached the funeral sermon of Grandpa Wheeler, father of Mrs. Klitz, who passed away last week at his home in Boardman at the age of 84 years. He had suffered a slight paralytic stroke early in the fall and had never fully recovered. The remains were laid to rest in the family burying ground near Lone.

C. C. Paine went to Stanfield Tuesday.

Willie Westlund returned this week from a trip to his old home at Cokato, Minn.

F. Vose of Bend was here the first part of the week looking up a location for a barber shop. His mother from Portland accompanied him.

Wm. Harper, of De Moss Springs, arrived Wednesday.

A small shipment of 32 new combination boxes have arrived for the postoffice. As soon as the new general delivery window arrives they will be built in so any one having a box can get mail out of office hours.

C. H. Parrett of Los Angeles is here looking over his farm west of town.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

The high school is taking the defeat in basket ball at Pendleton last Friday evening in good spirits, for Hermiston was not forgotten altogether that night, as was shown by the result of the two debating teams winning over Milton.

Perhaps the people have noticed the extreme brightness of a few days the first of this week and the last of the week before. Miss Barton thinks this brightness was caused by her class in ancient history, for the class don't seem nearly so bright now.

The high school student body desires to express its thanks to Tony Drolshagen for the catcher's outfit that he presented to the baseball team.

Found—A pair of gloves belonging to some girl, in Lawrence Bryant's coat pocket.

Lost, Strayed or Stolen—One ancient history. Finder will please return to Carl Myers and receive reward.

Wanted—A good grade in geometry. Anyone having same will please notify Miss Row.

Found—One love letter. If Miss Mae Rogers will call on the school correspondent she may recover her property.

Louis Rogers, a contractor and builder of Baker City, was here this week visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Rogers.

JERSEY BREEDERS ARE FIRMLY ESTABLISHED

BIG SHIPMENT OF HERMISTON HONEY

The state of California is by this time sampling the superfine honey that is produced on this project, and many there are probably wondering why it is that apiaries cannot be established in the valleys of the Golden State to turn out a class of honey that would compare with that which comes from the Hermiston valley.

It is a widely advertised fact that the product from the hives of the beekeepers surrounding Hermiston is of the most superfine quality, and that a ready market, both local and foreign, is always awaiting them. No better evidence of this is needed than the single shipment made Monday from the O. W. R. & N. depot in this city, when Thom brothers, almost nationwide known for their production of superior honey, billed out 23,000 pounds of the delicious product of the hives, all of which went direct to a California wholesaler.

STATE IS TO LET CONTRACT NEXT TUESDAY

Work on the Oregon Trail, which is that part of the Columbia Highway running through this city from Umatilla to La Grande and on to the eastern boundary of the state at Ontario, will soon be begun in this neighborhood. The bids for the construction of approximately 21 miles from the Morrow county line through Umatilla, Hermiston, Stanfield and Echo are to be opened at the state highway headquarters in Portland on Tuesday next. Simultaneously bids for the construction of an equal number of miles of the highway between Echo and Pendleton are to be opened. All the work of grading has been turned over by the county court to the state commission, and the proposed contracts cover the entire work.

It is said that there are many big contracting concerns bidding on the contracts, and while the call for bids does not specify any set time for the beginning of the work, it is the belief that the lucky bidder will assemble their men and machinery and begin building the highway as quickly as possible after being awarded the contracts.

DOG DAYS ARE COMING IN HERMISTON

There's a bad time in store for some of Hermiston's horde of canines, and it is safe to bet that the population of Dogdom will be diminished materially as a result of the invasion of the dog catcher, who is soon to appear for the purpose of taking a census of all animals within the confines of this city, and sending to perdition those that do not display a license tag.

Owners of perfectly good dogs should begin now to look after the welfare of this part of their personal property by calling on the city clerk and securing a license so that their animals will be immune from annexation when the work of extermination begins.

GOOD COMBINATION OF REAL WARBLERS

Just by chance it has been discovered that for some time Hermiston has been harboring high class singers in the persons of Maurice D. Scroggs, Dr. F. V. Prime, Harry Straw and Walter Rees, and with the discovery by each that the other could sing some they decided to let the public in on it whenever opportunity offered.

Thus it is that at last this city has a male quartette practicing that will in a short time be heard and appreciated at a public function. When they make their initial bow to a local audience Mr. Straw will sing first bass, Mr. Scroggs first tenor, Mr. Rees baritone and Dr. Prime second tenor.

Mrs. C. H. Young entertained the Misses Delther, Teevan, Magruder Skinner, Hummel, Barton and Klindt, Tuesday evening in honor of her husband's sister, Miss Ethel Young.

The Hermiston Jersey Breeders Association held its annual meeting last Saturday, with representatives present from all of the five blocks into which this project has been divided by the organization. At that time the usual routine business was transacted and new propositions discussed, after which officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:

President, George A. Cressy; vice-president, George Ellison; secretary-treasurer, C. M. Jackson. Directors, W. H. Starr, F. P. Phipps, C. L. Spencer, P. P. Sullivan and William Bessel. The reading of the secretary's report disclosed the pleasing manner in which the association is progressing in the breeding business, and the financial end showed an increasing yearly surplus.

This association was organized a few years ago largely through the efforts of F. W. Kehrl, then field agent for the dairy commission of Oregon. It started with two registered Jersey bulls. These have been increased to five, and are stationed at different places on the project, the idea for this being to accommodate as far as possible all who wish to improve their dairy stock in what is believed to be the best dairy breed for this valley. These animals are all from the best pure-bred herd in Oregon—the Ed. Cary herd at Carlton—their dams having official records of from 650 to 850 pounds of butter in a year. These animals are now located at the ranches of S. S. Palmer, Jim Scott, Frank Waugaman, Harry Ott, and George Cressy. It might be well to state here for the benefit of newcomers that there are shares for sale in all of the five blocks and those desiring to breed should see caretakers.

Mr. Winjer of the U. S. department of agriculture visited the project last summer and while here complimented the association very highly on the work they were doing—that of improving the dairy stock of this community. In the course of his remarks he said that he had learned more from this organization than he could possibly teach it.

At a conference of the agriculturists doing experiment station and demonstration work on the government irrigation projects, which was held in Salt Lake in June, 1917, it was stated by E. V. Ellison of the federal dairy division that the Hermiston bull association was one of the first organized and most successful bull associations in the west. At that time there were four, of which it appears that the Hermiston association was the first organized, as it was then two years of age or older. One of these is on the Tieton project in Washington, one in the Bitter Root valley, Montana, and the other was then in process of organization in Utah.

WELL KNOWN RANCHER BUYS MORE ACREAGE

George Strohm, who last fall became the owner by purchase of forty-five acres of choice land in Hermiston Orchards southeast of this city, which he has already improved by the building of a handsome residence and large farm buildings, has felt the past month that the place would be better adapted to his purpose of alfalfa and pure bred hog raising if he could only annex nine acres adjoining belonging to W. R. Longhorn.

Bartering the latter for a price on the tract, the gentlemen soon came to an amicable agreement. The sale was consummated the latter part of last week, and now the boundary lines of Mr. Strohm's ranch takes in fifty-four acres.

RESTAURANT MAN TO PENDLETON HOSPITAL

Thomas Marxen, the well known restaurant and theatre man of this city, who has been confined to his room in the Hotel Hermiston for over two weeks suffering first from the grippe and later from a breaking of the veins in one of his legs that caused ulcerations, was taken to a hospital in Pendleton last Monday. Friends, of which he has many in this city, carried him to the train on a stretcher, and F. A. Chezik accompanied him to the county seat town.